Sale of Trimethoprim and Sulphamethaxazole in open market

1388. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY:
SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Ministry of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Trimethoprilum and Sulphamethaxazole are being sold in the open market at much lower prices than the notified prices;

(b) whether his Ministry verified the purchase prices before revising the formulation prices based on these drugs under DPCO, 1987;

(c) if so, what is the purchase price of each and what is the notified price; and

(d) whether it is a fact that 8 per cent incidental has been allowed on notified prices of bulk drugs while fixing formulation prices?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The current market prices of bulk drugs referred to in the question are not available. The prices of drugs in the open market keep fluctuating like these of other commodities.

(b) to (d) The leader prices of Sulphamethoxazole and Trimethoprim formulations were revised by allowing 8 per cent incidentals over the notified prices of bulk drugs which is a general practice in case of formulations containing price controlled bulk drugs.

DPEA dues on Betamethasone and its salts

1389. SHRI B. SATYANARAYAN REDDY.
SHRI DAYANAND SAHAY:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3307 given in the Rajya Sabha on 22nd August, 1988 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that total formulations based on Betamethasone and its salts does not exceed 12;

(b) what was the price fixed for Betamethasone and its salts and what price has been charged; and

(c) what is the amount shown by the company as DPEA dues per year during the last five years upto June, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The required details, to the extent available, would be collected and laid on the Table of the House.

Revision of price of Chloramphenicol Powder

1390. CHOWDHARY RAM SEWAK: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 3601 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th August, 1988 and state:

(a) what is the stage from which drug is being produced along with its earlier price;

(b) whether it is a fact that the revised price of Chloremphenicol Powder was based on increase of L-Base price;

(c) if so, at whose instance;

(d) why the producers of Chloramphenicol from L-Base were not subject to cost study by BICP despite the fact that more than one year has passed from the announcement of DPCO, 1987;

(e) what is the import price of L-Base and Chloremphenicol powder and what is the saving in foreign exchange in respect of production from L-Base;